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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF USG  
COMPLICITY IN BANGLADESH COUP

REF: NEW DELHI 11193

1. AS A FOLLOWUP TO EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS IN NEW DELHI,  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS SPOKE WITH INDIAN EMBASSY  
DCM VENKATESWARAN ON AUGUST 19 REGARDING COMMENTS MADE BY  
INDIAN PERSONALITIES AND PUBLISHED IN THE INDIAN PRESS  
ALLEGING USG INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUP IN BANGLADESH. AFTER  
CITING SEVERAL STATEMENTS REPORTED IN REFTEL, DUBS SAID  
THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS WERE MALICIOUS AND WITHOUT ANY  
FOUNDATION WHATSOEVER AND HE WISHED TO STATE CATEGORICALLY  
ON BEHALF OF THE USG THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO INVOLVE-  
MENT BY THE USG OR ANY OF ITS AGENCIES IN THE COUP IN  
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BANGLADESH. DUBS RECALLED THE EXTENSIVE ECONOMIC ASSIS-

TANCE WHICH THE U.S. HAD PROVIDED TO BANGLADESH SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT AS A REFLECTION OF THE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAD EVOLVED BETWEEN U.S. AND BANGLADESH, UNDER MUJIB'S LEADERSHIP. MOREOVER, DUBS NOTED, THE PUBLICATION OF ALLEGATIONS SUGGESTING USG INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUP APPEARED TO CONTRAVENE THE GOI'S CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES AND WE COULD NOT HELP BUT WONDER WHETHER PUBLICATION OF SUCH

ALLEGATIONS IN THE INDIAN PRESS HAD GOI CONCURRENCE. USG EXPECTED THAT GOI WOULD HALT THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH ALLEGATIONS.

2. VENKATESWARAN REPLIED THAT THE INDIAN EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY STATED TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE GOI COULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR STATEMENTS MADE BY VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE POINT THAT WAS BEING MADE REGARDING THE CONTRAVENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'S CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES AS THEY RELATED TO INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. VENKATESWARAN SAID THAT HE HAD NO DOUBT AT ALL ABOUT THE STATEMENT DUBS HAD MADE CATEGORICALLY DENYING ANY USG INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUP IN BANGLADESH AND THAT HE WOULD REPORT THE CONVERSATION TO NEW DELHI. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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